THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The mandate of the Ministry of Culture is to preserve and promote all forms of arts and culture. The activities are carried out through schemes of attached, subordinate and autonomous institutions under the Ministry, as well as through the schemes directly administered by the Ministry. This includes Schemes administered by the Ministry *viz.* Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme, Scheme for Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal/ Folk Art, Building Grants scheme to Cultural Organizations. Scheme for assistance to Professional Groups and Individuals for specified performing Art projects, Scheme of Scholarship to young Artists in different Cultural fields. Scheme for Award of Sr./Jr. Fellowship to outstanding artists, Scheme for financial assistance to persons distinguished in letters, arts and such other walks of life who may be in indigent circumstances and their dependents, Scheme for Guru Shishya Parampara, Assistance to young talented Artists and Theatre Rejuvenation Scheme.

(b) The Ministry has received no such information.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) No such information is maintaind.

Declaration of Ancient cities as Heritage Cities

4305. SHRI BALAVANT *ALLAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to declare more ancient cities in the country as heritage cities;

(b) if so, details, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by Govenment for the protection and conservation of historical monuments; and

(d) the funds released for their proper maintenance during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) There is no provision in the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rules, 1959 for declaring cities as heritage cities.

(c) The Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 provides for declaring ancient and historical monuments as monuments of national importance, their protection and conservation. 3667 monuments and sites in the country have been declared as monuments of national importance. The conservation, preservation, structural repairs and environmental development and provision of visitors facilities at these monuments is undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in accordance with the archaeological norms. In addition to the budgetary allocation of funds for the above, Government has also constituted a National Culture Fund for channelising funds from public and private sector for conservation of heritage.

(d) State-wise expenditure incurred for the conservation and maintenance of the centrally protected monuments during the last three years is given in the Statement.

Statement

The State-wise and Circle-wise List of Expenditure incurred during the Last Three Year on Conservation/Preservation and Environment Development of Centrally Protected Monuments in the Country

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of State	Circle/Branch	Expenditure 2004-05	Expenditure 2005-06	Expenditure 2006-07
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra Circle	593.00	613.00	677.00
2.	"	Lucknow Circle	713.50	600.00	559.97
3.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad Circle	365.04	263.00	375.00
4.	"	Mini Circle, Mumbai	83.00	253.25	380.00
5.	Karnataka	Bangalore Circle	411.78	685.85	839.18
6.	"	Dharwad Circle	495.63	749.07	640.52
7.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal Circle	378.44	520.00	839.18
8.	Orissa	Bhubaneshwar Circle	388.08	296.35	298.98
9.	West Bengal, Sikkim	Kolkata Circle	557.37	394.33	288.68

1	2		4	5	6
10.	Tamil Nadu, Pondicheri	Chennai Circle	566.98	629.41	456.40
11.	Punjab, Haryana	Chandigarh Circle	232.70	256.00	434.00
12.	Himachal Pradesh	Mini Circle Shimla	65.59	108.00	117.50
13.	Delhi	Delhi Circle	761.37	754.26	836.57
14.	Goa	Mini Circle, Goa	105.02	100.00	81.95
15.	N.E. States, except Sikkim	Guwahati Circle	115.47	118.13	112.17
16.	Rajasthan	Jaipur Circle	279.97	285.00	302.00
17.	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad Circle	341.00	461.41	661.47
18.	Bihar & U.P (Part)	Patna Circle	300.00	325.00	155.00
19.	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar Circle	239.97	274.83	268.70
20.	Kerala	Thrissur Circle	110.66	108.50	208.99
21.	Gujarat	Vododara Circle	173.21	214.36	300.06
22.	Uttaranchal	Dehradun Circle	157.00	160.08	180.00
23.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur Circle	278.00	252.95	242.00
24.	Jharkhand	Ranchi Circle	70.72	73.55	50.00
26.	**CHEMICAL PRESERVATION (All India)**	Dir. (Science), Dehradun	433.42	499.23	543.95
27.	HORTICULTURAL ACTIVITY (All India)	C.H., Agra	1070.98	1198.98	1108.81
	TOTAL:		9287.90 Say 92.88 crore	10194.54 Say 101.95 crore	10816.89 Say 108.17 crore

Publication of jail dairies related to Shaheed Bhagat Singh

4306. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to publish the jail dairies and other material related to Shaheed Bhagat Singh on the occasion of his 75th death anniversary;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any time-frame has been fixed to bring out the publication; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) It has come to the notice of the Government that the Jail Dairies and other